



Fact Sheet (September 15, 2005 Update)

Q. What is the South Carolina Environmental Excellence Program?

The South Carolina Environmental Excellence Program (SCEEP) is a voluntary environmental leadership initiative designed to recognize and reward facilities that have demonstrated superior environmental performance through pollution prevention, energy and resource conservation, and the use of an environmental management system.

Q. Who is eligible to participate in the program?

Any South Carolina facility committed to waste reduction and continuous environmental improvement is eligible to participate. A company is not eligible to participate if there has been a pattern of permit exceedences, notices of violation, or other enforcement activities within the previous five years that indicate a lack of commitment to continuous environmental improvement.

Q. How does a facility become a member of the program?

A facility may apply for membership in one or two ways: (1) by documenting active membership in a program recognized by the SCEEP (e.g. ISO 14001, ATMI E3 program, CMA Responsible Care program, AF&PA EHS Principles); or (2) submitting an Environmental Excellence Plan describing measurable waste reduction goals, a commitment to implement an environmental management system, a commitment by senior management to continuous environmental improvement, and an effective public communications plan for the surrounding community. Membership is subject to renewal every two years.

Q. Who makes the decision regarding membership in the program?

The SCEEP Advisory Committee makes application decisions. The committee is comprised of industry, environmental, governmental, academic and public interest representatives. The committee meets at least quarterly to review applications. A program coordinator from the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control's (DHEC) Center for Waste Minimization staffs the committee.

Q. What are the benefits of being a member of the program?

Membership benefits include public recognition, use of the SCEEP logo, participation on the Environmental Excellence Council, and opportunities to work with regulators on innovative regulatory initiatives.

Q. Is DHEC or EPA involved in the program?

The Office of Environmental Quality Control at DHEC was actively involved in the creation of the program, and the deputy commissioner serves on the SCEEP Advisory Committee. DHEC also performs the five-year compliance review for applications to the program. DHEC has also partnered with SCEEP to participate with EPA in the implementation of the National Environmental Performance Track Program, EPA's voluntary environmental leadership initiative. Along with DHEC, the SCEEP Advisory Committee reviews South Carolina Performance Track applications for EPA.

Q. Where can I get more information about the Environmental Excellence Program?

Information may be obtained by contacting Christine Steagall, SCEEP Program Coordinator, DHEC's Center for Waste Minimization, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201, 803-896-8987, steagac1@dhec.sc.gov, or by visiting the web site at www.scdhec.gov/eqc.





SCEEP Members (Through September 15, 2005)

Alcoa – Mt. Holly
Associated Fuel Pump Systems Corp. – Anderson
BMW Manufacturing Corp. – Spartanburg
Bridgestone/Firestone S.C. Company – Graniteville
Charleston Commissioners of Public Works – Charleston
Circle Environmental – Columbia
DAA Draexlmaier Automotive of America, LLC – Duncan
Dayco Products, Inc. – Walterboro
Dei-Tec Corp. – West Columbia
Georgia-Pacific Resins, Inc. – Russellville
INA USA Corp. – 5 Facilities
Interlake Material Handling Solutions – Sumter
International Paper – Eastover and Georgetown Mills
KEMET – Fountain Inn, Mauldin, and Simpsonville Plants
Lang-Mekra N.A. – Ridgeway
Michelin Earthmover Tire Manufacturing – Lexington
Michelin Spartanburg Manufacturing – Spartanburg
National Beverage Screen Printers, Inc. – Williston
Progress Energy – Energy Delivery Carolinas Southern Region – Florence
Santee Cooper Regional Water System – Moncks Corner
Springs Industries, Inc. – 12 Facilities
Square D Company – Columbia
Square D Company – Seneca
U.S. Air Force Base – Charleston
U.S. Naval Weapons Station – Charleston
Vordian, A Div. of Eastman Chemical Co. – Columbia
Weyerhaeuser Co. – Marlboro Paper Mill



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